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SUBJECT: TREASURY REQUEST TO ADD A SECRETARIAL POSITION

REFS: A) STATE 284023; B) USOECD 29808; C) STATE 276846

1. MISSION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND WORK LOAD HAVE BEEN GROWING RAPIDLY WITH SIGNIFICANT NEW OECD ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE OF PRIORITY INTEREST TO US FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. AMONG THE NEW OR EXPANDED FIELDS OF WORK ARE ENERGY, RECYCLING AND INVESTMENT. WHILE THE MISSION HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND IS NOW BETTER ABLE TO HANDLE THE INCREASED WORKLOAD, I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES IN THE MISSION'S PRESENT COMPLEMENT.

2. THE MISSION IS FINALLY FULLY STAFFED AT THE OFFICER LEVEL AND CAN DEAL WITH THE EXPANDING WORK LOAD. HOWEVER, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE REORGANIZATION AND THE ENLARGED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MISSION, OUR EXISTING SECRETARIAL SUPPORT CAPACITY IS FULLY UTILIZED AND OVER-EXTENDED IN MANY CASES. TREASURY HAS RECOGNIZED THE WORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE MISSION AND IS PROVIDING THE SECRETARIAL POSITION NOTED IN REFTEL TO SERVICE THE ACTIVE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SECTION WHICH HAS ONLY TWO SECRETARIES FOR FOUR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE OFFICES OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (FSR-1) AND FINANCIAL ADVISER (GS-15).

3. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AT THE MISSION HAS INCREASED

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DRAMATICALLY DURING PAST SIX MONTHS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE
HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR THIS SECRETARIAL POSITION AND
MAY NEED TO RENEW OUR REQUEST TO RECLASSIFY POSITION
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